

female from Bishop Creek, Inyo County, California, 8500', under rocks by creek, Derham Giuliani collector.

Some specimens have the legs entirely rufo-testaceous. This species is most similar to *austinianus* but can be distinguished easily by the emarginate sixth sternite of the male and by the sides of the pronotum not being sinuate before the hind angles as in that species.

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#### BOOK REVIEW

*An island called California, an ecological introduction to its natural communities* by Elna Bakker with photographs by Philip Hyde. 1971. University of California Press, 2223 Fulton Street, Berkeley, Cal. 94720. 357p., 24 line fig., numerous photos. Cloth, \$10.00

This is a beautifully produced book with a broad coverage of natural history subjects. The diversity in California ecology is equalled in few areas of the U.S. Such a book will do much to orient the non-Californian as well as suggest new ideas and approaches for field work. Coleopterists who contemplate collecting trips to this State will find their efforts better rewarded by advanced reading of this book.—(R. E. Woodruff)

### A NOTE ON *PARACOTALPA DESERTA* SAYLOR (COLEOPTERA: SCARABAEIDAE: RUTELINAE)

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#### ABSTRACT

*Paracotalpa deserta* Saylor is a rare species found in the Colorado Desert region of California and Baja California, Mexico. Specimens were collected in an area of *Larrea* and *Franseria*, and many were impaled on spines of the latter, possibly by shrikes. Known distributional data is summarized.

*Paracotalpa deserta* Saylor (1940:195) is a rarely collected species which has, as indicated by the recent date of description, escaped detec-